

EPA Investigates Former Chemical Plant Site

Chemical Recovery Systems

Elyria, Ohio

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More info available

To see all the documents related to the site, including a draft of the community involvement plan, please visit:

www.epa.gov/region5/sites/crs.

We welcome your comments on the community involvement plan. The final version of the plan will be posted on the Web site and also placed in the information repository established for the Chemical Recovery Systems site at the Elyria Public Library's Main Branch, 320 Washington Ave. by February 1.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 this fall is continuing its formal investigation of the Chemical Recovery Systems site at 142 Locust St. in Elyria.

EPA communicated with you through a newspaper article this summer, and now this fact sheet will provide some more details of the work being done.

Work done so far

During the summer, contractors took 40 soil samples and installed 11 temporary wells to test the ground water, which is the name for underground supplies of fresh water. In August and September, workers collected well samples plus samples of water and mud from the nearby East Branch of the Black River. The sampling work will be completed by the end of this year.

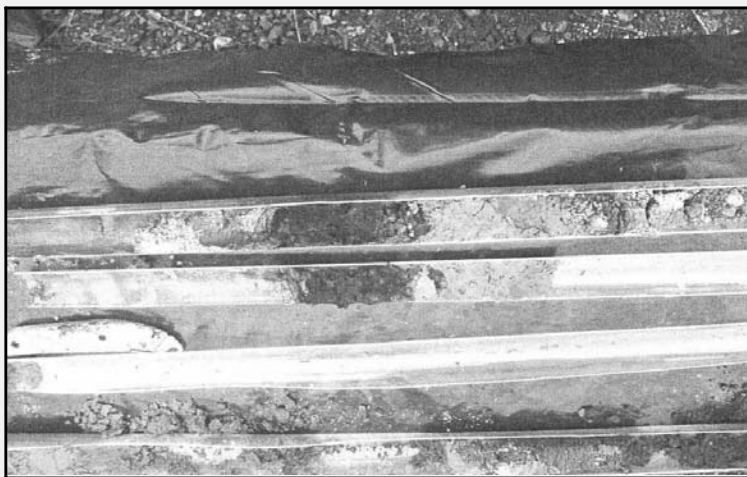
What EPA is doing is called a "remedial investigation." That's an in-depth study that helps EPA determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the site. What will follow is called a "feasibility study," which will help identify possible ways to clean up the site if that becomes necessary to safeguard human health and protect the environment. The investigation and study are scheduled to be completed in early summer 2004.



A so-called Shelby Tube is being pressed into an open bore hole to get an undisturbed core sample of layers of soil.

The remedial investigation and feasibility study are being done under the terms of a legal agreement called an "administrative order on consent." A group of companies EPA believes may be responsible for the pollution is paying for the investigation and study. The group hired a contractor to actually perform the work. EPA's contractor will oversee the project.

Samples of soil taken from one of the borings at the Chemical Recovery Systems site in Elyria, Ohio, during the current investigation by EPA. Read inside for more details.



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